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SUBJECT: PAN AM TEMPELHOF-TEGEL FLIGHT OCTOBER 19

1. PAN AM HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO MAKE LOCAL FLIGHT ON OCT 19 FROM TEMPELHOF TO TEGEL CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR BERLIN BREWERY FIRM. WHEN WE CONSULTED ALLIES, BRITISH RAISED A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS INVOLVING SAFETY, PRECEDENT, UNNECESSARY NOISE, FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS, AND POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PROTEST. FRENCH HAVE SUPPORTED BRITISH RESERVATION (ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH CIVIL AIR ATTACHE BONN HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE RESERVATIONS).

2. WE HAVE TOLD BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT WHILE WE APPRECIATE AND HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THEIR CONCERNS, WE FEEL PERMISSION SHOULD BE GRANTED. THERE IS AMPLE PRECEDENT FOR BOTH PURELY OPERATIONAL AND PASSENGER-CARRYING LOCAL FLIGHT, AND WE DO NOT REGARD FACT THAT THIS IS A REVENUE FLIGHT AS RELEVANT. WHILE WE AGREE LOCAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS SHOULD NOT BECOME A FEATURE OF THE BERLIN AIR SCENE, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN AN OCCASIONAL

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FLIGHT OF THIS SORT. IN BASC, WE WOULD FOLLOW NORMAL

PROCEDURE FOR POSTING LOCAL FLIGHT, I.E, N TIME OF
DEPARTURE AND TIME OF LANDING WITHOUT FURTHER DETAIL,
AND SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NO BASIS FOR PROTEST.

3. OUR READING OF PERTINENT DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING
BASC OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS NOS 4 AND 6) LEAD US TO
CONCLUDE THAT PERMISSION OF CIVIAL AIR ATTACHE OF COURTY
CONCERNED IN BONN IS SOLE AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED FOR
SUCH LOCAL FLIGHTS BEYOND THAT OF MISSION IN BERLIN.
WE THEREFORE BELIEVE WE ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED IN GOING
AHEAD UNILATERALLY.KLEIN

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